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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Ernest
4 Jones, who passed away on September 2, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Ernest Jones was born on June 15, 1928 in Poplar
6 Grove, Arkansas; his parents were Paul and Elenora Jones; after
7 his mother's passing, he was raised by his stepmother, Olivia
8 Jones; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1949, Ernest Jones and his family left Arkansas
10 for Cairo; while living in Cairo he met the love of his life,
11 Ernestine Baker, whom he married on January 26, 1951; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1966, Ernest Jones moved to Maywood to make a
13 better life for his children after the passing of his beloved
14 wife; after 4 years of hard work and perseverance, he drove to
15 Cairo with his sister Pearl and returned with all 8 children,
16 whom he raised with pride and love; and

17 WHEREAS, Ernest Jones put effort and dignity into his work
18 as a machine operator for Stanadyne, but had a true passion for
19 his work training and breaking show horses; his love for
20 animals continued into his old age; some of his granddaughters
21 can even remember him taking the time to feed stray cats around

1 his apartment; and

2 WHEREAS, Ernest Jones was a lover of politics and a staunch
3 Democrat; he actively served as Campaign Manager for the first
4 African-American president-elect of Cook County and his first
5 cousin, John H. Stroger; and

6 WHEREAS, Ernest Jones had strong faith in God and received
7 Christ and religion at an early age while in Cairo; after
8 moving to Maywood, he continued his fellowship by joining the
9 Garden of Prayer Church of Broadview under the leadership of
10 Pastor Johnnie Haynie; he served as a Deacon and was a
11 faithfully active member of the church; and

12 WHEREAS, Ernest Jones was preceded in death by his wife,
13 Ernestine; a daughter, Linda Jo; 2 sons, Terry and Gregory; 2
14 grandsons, Gary Lee, Jr. and Ernest Keys; 2 brothers, Joseph
15 and Paul, Jr.; and 7 sisters, Buella Mae, Ruby, Pearl, Louise,
16 Lois, Lena, and Roberta; and

17 WHEREAS, Ernest Jones is survived by 4 sons, Wendell,
18 Bruce, Vincent, and Christopher (Jackie); 3 daughters,
19 Phyllis, Shirlene (Lemmie), and Wanda; 2 brothers, James
20 (Connie) and Ronnie; his sisters, Vivian, Brenda, Barbara,
21 Shirlene (Carl), and Linda Faye (Greg); 35 grandchildren; 46
22 great-grandchildren; and his many nieces, nephews, cousins,

1 and friends; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we, along with his family and friends, mourn the passing of
5 Ernest Jones; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the family of Ernest Jones as an expression of our
8 sympathy.